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Switching Sides: Reporter Joins U.S. Mission

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UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 2 — After 25 years as the CBS News correspondent at the United Nations, Richard C. Hottelet is leaving the network to take a job across the street with the United States Mission.

Mr. Hottelet, who joined CBS News in 1944 as a member of the team led by Edward R. Murrow, has taken early retirement and at the end of the month will begin his duties as public affairs counselor.

Although a registered Democrat, Mr. Hottelet, 68 years old, said the approach taken by the diplomatic team under Lieut. Gen. Vernon A. Walters, the chief American delegate, was "responsible, pragmatic and sensible." At the United Nations, he says, the United States faces "not only outrage and frustration but also opportunity."

Reflecting on his years at the United Nations, where he has become something of a walking history book, Mr. Hottelet said: "The United Nations is a human institution. If you don't expect it to solve all the prob-

lems of the world, you're not going to slash your wrists when you realize that it's not."

One night, Nicolas Ardito Barletta was the host, as President of Panama, of a glittering diplomatic reception at the Helmsley Palace Hotel. The next night, he was back in Panama City drafting his resignation speech.

Mr. Barletta may have gone out in style, but his political demise reminded global leaders of the perils of international tourism.

Few leaders from coup-prone nations of Africa are scheduled to speak at the United Nations this year. Speculation in the corridors has it that few of the world's shakier leaders, including Gen. Augusto Pinochet of Chile, are interested in gambling their seats of power for a week in New York. There has also been speculation that such worries may have figured in the announcement, made here Tuesday, that Col. Muammar el-Quaddafi of Libya had canceled plans to visit the United Nations next month.

Day after day, television monitors throughout the United Nations show speeches from the 40th session of the General Assembly — about 45 minutes to a speech, 10 speakers to a day. Diplomats and journalists who

have to listen to all the speeches say that after the first 75, the diplomatic language tends to lose its sparkle.

One who brought back some of the shine was Reis Malile, Foreign Minister of Albania, who used his time to blast the United Nations, the United States and the Soviet Union.

"During these four decades, the U.N. flag has been used to cover up acts of imperialist intervention and aggression as in Korea, the Congo, and the Middle East," Mr. Malile said as he warmed to his subject. "The U.S.A. and the Soviet Union may sit down and talk together, but the reality as of now has shown that the most they can agree on is to make deals at the expense of other peoples."

"For several decades now, the two superpowers, the U.S.A. and the Soviet Union, are keeping the fire of war burning, sometimes fanning it up, at other times cooling it off," the Albanian envoy continued. "Now they are raising a sort of Damocles sword in space which will hand over our planet."

Eyebrows were raised Monday when luncheon guests of Leopold Gratz, Foreign Minister of Austria, were served a 1962 French *craû*, Macon Lugny, to wash down their roast veal à la tarragon and oeufs à la neige.

Sensitive about the his country's wine-doctoring scandal, Mr. Gratz told the guests, a group of reporters, "If you drink two liters of Austrian wine a day for 200 years you are sure to die of it."

At a reception later that day at the United Nations, two Austrian wines, Tattendorfer St. Laurent Ausstich, a red, and Kremser Schmidt, a white, appeared on the tables.